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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takeo SEINO  
MAINTENANCE CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q65302

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty-two (22) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and eight (8) sheets of drawings. **The U.S. requisite Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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|------------------------------|-----------|---|----|---|----------|---|---------|---|-------------------------|
| Total claims                 | <u>24</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>4</u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>\$72.00</u>          |
| Independent claims           | <u>5</u>  | - | 3  | = | <u>2</u> | x | \$80.00 | = | <u>\$160.00</u>         |
| Base Fee                     |           |   |    |   |          |   |         |   | <u>\$710.00</u>         |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee |           |   |    |   |          |   |         |   | <u>\$270.00</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>             |           |   |    |   |          |   |         |   | <b><u>\$1212.00</u></b> |

Priority is claimed from June 30, 2000, and June 19, 2001, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-198671, and 2000-184544 respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

**Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, July 2, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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